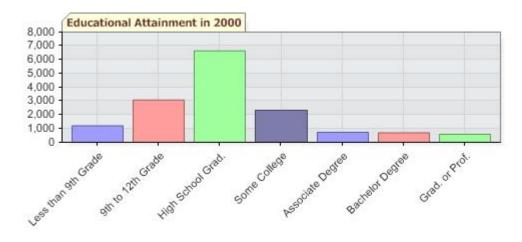
Starke County, IN Highlights

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<u>Overview</u>	<u>Population</u>	Education	Commuting	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Income</u>	Firm Size

Education

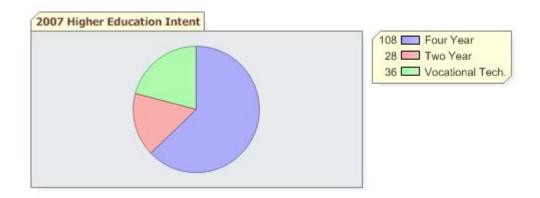
The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

Educational Attainment					
	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Total Population 25 and Older	N/A	N/A	14,260	15,290	
Less than 9th Grade	N/A	N/A	2,442	1,203	
9th to 12th, No Diploma	N/A	N/A	3,274	3,082	
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	N/A	N/A	5,482	6,640	
Some College, No Degree	N/A	N/A	1,634	2,341	
Associate Degree	N/A	N/A	574	738	
Bachelors Degree	N/A	N/A	425	700	
Graduate or Professional Degree	N/A	N/A	429	586	



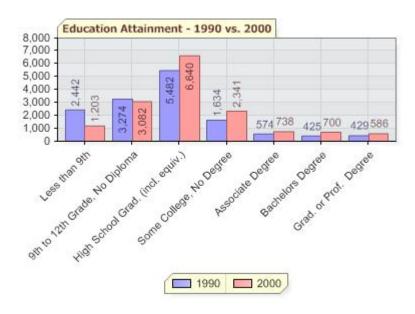
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Total Graduates	246	214	226	265	
Total to Higher Education	154	110	134	172	
Four-Year Institution	107	68	85	108	
Two-Year Institution	17	19	23	28	
Vocational/Tech.	30	23	26	36	
Military	6	11	8	6	



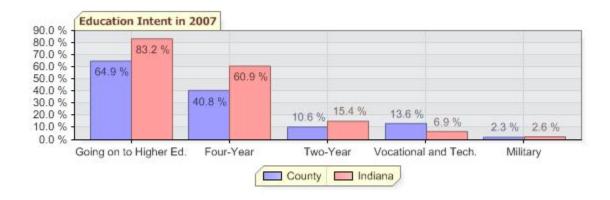
Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000						
	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+		
Total Population 25+	14,260	100.0%	15,290	100.0%		
Less than 9th Grade	2,442	17.1%	1,203	7.9%		
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,274	23.0%	3,082	20.2%		
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	5,482	38.4%	6,640	43.4%		
Some College, No Degree	1,634	11.5%	2,341	15.3%		
Associate's Degree	574	4.0%	738	4.8%		
Bachelor's Degree	425	3.0%	700	4.6%		
Graduate or Professional Degree	429	3.0%	586	3.8%		



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent					
	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.			
Graduates	100.0%	100.0%			
Total Going on to Higher Education	64.9%	83.2%			
Four-Year Institution	40.8%	60.9%			
Two-Year Institution	10.6%	15.4%			
Vocational and Tech.	13.6%	6.9%			
Military	2.3%	2.6%			



Source: Indiana Department of Education